



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Balasulojini KARUNANANDAA *et al.*

Appln. No.: 09/614,221

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Title: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and
Other Molecules Associated
with Sterol Synthesis and
Metabolism**

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Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response be extended one (1) month from August 21, 2003 to September 21, 2003, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$110 for a one (1) month extension for a large entity. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, other than those provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Authorization to charge the \$110 extension of time fee is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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